

Chambers  
Federal Commission  
1919 411 Street  
Washington, D.C.  
Feb 18, 1927

Mr. Hundt

Danville, Va.

Dear Sir:

Very truly  
yours

ratings) proposed by the  
Motion Picture Association of  
America (MPAA) are intended  
use a system that relies  
programming by content  
During the MPAA's history

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Chairman Reed Hundt  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Writing to ask that the FCC enforce the Federal broadcast indecency law against TV stations for their indecent programming which offend most Americans.

American families have the right to be protected from the indecent shows in order to maintain a decent society.

Some of the most offensive shows are on prime time. It's a shame you can't be sure that something won't be said or shown that children shouldn't be exposed to.

The new ratings by the Motion Picture Association of America are too general. They should be replaced with a system that rates by content as parents demand.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

*Alice M. Clifford*

Mrs. Alice M. Clifford  
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Sincerely,

Sharon A. White  
Family and Community Chairman  
for G.P. in La.



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Sincerely,

Mary E. Floyd  
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THE HUMMELS  
578 Island Pointe Ln.  
Monrovia, VA 24121

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The Honorable Lubatzki  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Ed Lubatzki

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Sincerely,

Betty J. Hummel



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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Lubetzki

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Sincerely,

Joan Stelbow

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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M. Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission to hold a public hearing as part of its review of the television industry's ratings system.

I am concerned that the television ratings system does not address the needs of parents. The questions generated by the current age-based TV ratings system deserve a public hearing. Please hold a hearing soon on this issue.

Thank you,

*Steve Guldán*

Steve Guldán  
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February 20, 1997

Chairman Reed Hundt  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M. Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a member of the National Association for Family and Community Education, Incorporated. As a member of this organization, I am making a strong request that you as chairman and the other commissioners of the Federal Communication Commission have a public hearing regarding the Television Rating System.

This rating system requires immediate attention and action to control TV viewing for the well-being of our society, especially our youth. This appeal, if rejected, will encourage continued crime, violence, and possibly lead to the annihilation of our nation's society.

Your attention to this very important subject is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Gloria Bickford*

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**CITIZENS TASK FORCE ON TV VIOLENCE**

Sponsored by: Senator Kent Conrad (ND)  
Speaker: Reed Hundt, Federal Communications Commission Chair

WHEN: Thursday, January 30, 1997  
WHO ATTENDED: Harriet Steenson  
Louella Marlin  
WHERE: Senate Room C-4, Capitol Building,  
Washington, D.C.  
NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE: 25-30  
RESPONSIBILITY: Represent National FCE, gather  
information, plan Coalition action  
regarding the request for a hearing  
on the television rating system

Representatives from the following national groups attended:

National Association for the Education of Young Children  
Future Wave  
National Sheriffs Association  
National Medical Association  
American Medical Association Alliance  
National Assoc. of Elementary School Principals  
American Psychiatric Association  
National PTA  
Advocates for Children and Youth  
National Foundation to Improve Television  
National Association of Secondary School Principals  
American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry  
National Coalition on Television Violence  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
→ National Association for Family & Community Education  
National Child Care Association

American Nurses Association  
National Alliance for Non-violent Programming  
National Association of School Psychologists  
National Education Association  
United Church of Christ  
Center for Media Education  
Children's Defense Fund  
American Psychological Association  
KIDSNET  
United States Catholic Conference  
Children's Television Workshop  
Recreational Software Advisory Council  
Canadian Embassy

SENATOR KENT CONRAD (ND) reiterated the initial goals of the Coalition:

- (a) Call for a White House Conference on Television Violence
- (b) Call for the V Chip technology to be used in television
- (c) Call for 3 hours per week of educational children's  
television programming
- (d) Call for a television rating system



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Sincerely, *Geo. L. Zimmerman*  
*P.O. Box 564*  
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Sincerely,

*Margaret Deese*  
*Norwood, N.C.*  
*Stanly County*

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Hon. Reed Hunt  
Pres. F.C.C.

I'm totally opposed to an age-based  
rating system for TV shows and movies,  
and want a content-based system. The  
things we see on TV are bad for the  
family.

What will you do to help save the  
values of the families of this great Nation?

Please help!

Sincerely  
Andrew Missler

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Sincerely,

*Marsha Rathmeyer*

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Federal Communications Commission  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear FCC,

We appreciate the opportunity to file this formal comment concerning the ratings system recently implemented by the television industry.

It is our view that the age-based system that has been adopted by the television industry is not adequate to accomplish the goal for which it was implemented. There are several ways that an age-based system fails, and we would like to draw your attention to two of them.

The first problem is that it is administered by the television industry itself. If the goal is to protect our children from explicit sex, violence, and language content, then the public would be well served by having an independent body overseeing this function. We cannot reasonably expect "the fox to guard the hen house". Whatever ratings system is implemented, it must be administered by those who have the best interests of America's children as their motive. The television industry is incapable of rating the content of their own productions, because profit is their primary motive.

Secondly, a poor ratings standard is worse than no ratings system at all. The current age-based system gives no guidelines concerning the offensive *content* of the shows. If we don't specifically address what is offensive in a given show's *content*, then all we are doing is giving the television programmers a shield to hide behind when consumers are offended at what television contains. The age of the viewer is relatively insignificant at this point. Offensive content is offensive content, for adults as well as children. There should be no double-standard.

Instead of the current age-based system, a better plan would be a content-based system administered by individuals who are fully independent of TV production and profits, who have high moral and ethical standards which flow from the Judeo-Christian faith upon which this nation was founded.

Traditionally, parents have been the primary filter for protecting America's youth from inappropriate TV viewing. In view of the relatively weak state of the modern American family, it becomes all the more important for the FCC to implement TV ratings which truly offers *all* viewers protection from the daily bombardment of explicit sex, violence, and language which characterizes much of current television programming.

The best solution is for the television industry to quit broadcasting explicit sex, violence, and language. Until that unlikely event happens, it is up to good and moral people to prevail in this effort of determining what is appropriate for public television viewing.

We urge the FCC to implement content-based ratings, which afford Americans the *most* protection possible.

Sincerely,

*Vern Imhoff*

*Cindy Imhoff*

Vern & Cindy Imhoff  
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MR. REED HUNDT  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
1919 M. STREET N.W.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

*R. Chester*

DEAR MR. HUNDT:

I AM WRITING ASKING THAT THE NEW RATING  
SYSTEM BE REJECTED AS IT NOW STANDS.

UNDER THE PRETENSE OF PROVIDING HELP TO  
PARENTS, THE INDUSTRY HAS DONE THE OPPOSITE.  
THEY TELL PARENTS THAT ALL PROGRAMS RATED  
TV-Y, TV-7, TV-G, TV-PG, AND TV-14, REGARDLESS OF  
CONTENT OR THEME, ARE SUITABLE FOR KIDS AND  
YOUTH.....AND GET THIS~~~THE PERSON WHO  
PRODUCES THE PROGRAM IS THE ONE WHO RATES IT!  
NO INPUT FROM THE VIEWING PUBLIC IS ALLOWED.  
THERE WILL BE NO CONSISTENT PERSPECTIVE USED IN  
THE RATINGS SINCE HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT  
INDIVIDUALS WILL BE DOING THE RATINGS BASED ON  
THEIR OWN INTEREST.

PLEASE REJECT THE RATINGS AS THEY NOW STAND.

SINCERELY YOURS,

*Mr. & Mrs. David P. Smith*

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603 Lurley Dairy Road  
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The Honorable Reed Hundt

Federal Communications Commission

1919 M Street NW

Washington, D.C. 20554

Commissioner Hundt:

I am writing to urge the Federal  
Communication Commission to hold a public  
hearing as part of its review of the  
television industry's rating system.

The National Association for Family  
and Community Education and its affiliate, North  
Caroline Extension Homemakers Association, are  
grass-roots organizations which have been  
actively involved in family issues for  
the last 60 years. We are concerned  
that the recently implemented rating system  
of television does not address the needs  
of parents.

This issue of the current age-  
based television rating system deserves a  
public hearing.

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Yours truly,  
Doris H. Lurley

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Sincerely,

*Carrol Davig*

Carrol Davig  
TAFCE President

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Sincerely,

*Gwene N. Lee*

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February 9, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Chairman Hundt;

We are writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission to hold a public hearing as part of its review of the television industry's rating system.

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Sincerely;

Sue Rendel, State President  
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The Honorable Jesse Helms  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Helms:

We are pleased that the Senate body will hold a hearing Thursday, February 27 on the issue of the television rating system. Senators McCain (AZ) and Burns (MT) are to be commended in their sponsorship of this Senate hearing.

The National Association for Family and Community Education and its affiliate, North Carolina Extension Homemakers Association, supports the content-based television rating system using V (violence), S (sex), and L (language) symbols to indicate the content of a program.

We believe the 80% of parents surveyed by PTA who want a content-based rating system should be provided an avenue for input into the development and implementation of a television rating system.

We support the Senate's plan for holding a hearing on this sensitive issue which affects all families in America today.

Sincerely,

*Marian Crawford*

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Sincerely  
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Federal Communication Commissioner  
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Commissioner Hundt  
As a member of the Extension  
Homemakers Association I am  
writing to encourage you to hold  
a public hearing to review the  
television rating system. I feel  
that the content-based rating  
system would provide us with  
better information concerning  
Violence, sex, and Language than  
our present rating system.

Sincerely  
Helen M. Aycock  
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The National Association for Family & Community Education and its affiliate, FCE-Illinois State Association, as well as the Lee County Homemakers Education Association are grass-roots organizations which have been actively involved in family issues for the past 60 plus years. We are very concerned that the family issue of the recently implemented television ratings system does not address the needs of parents.

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Sincerely,

Vernice Brass

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